

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US05/43756

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC: H04M 11/00(2006.01) USPC: 379/93.12 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S.: 379/93.12, 90.01, 93.17, 93.25, 114.19, 114.2, 114.15, 114.17, 144.01, 110.01; 705/22, 56, 58, 72 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2003/0144910A1 (FLAHERY et al.) 31 July 2003, figs. 2, 4, 7, Paragraphs: 0013-0015; 0021; 0022-0025; 0126-0135; 0143; 0148; 0154	1-23
Y	US 6,264,104 B1 (JENKINS et al.) 24 July 2001, figs. 1-3, col. 6, line 24 - col. 7, line 6.	1-23
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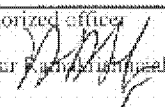
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-23 YES

Claims NONE NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims NONE YES

Claims 1-23 NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-23 YES

Claims NONE NO

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Regarding claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-18, 19-29, 32-33, Flaherty further teaches the following: receiving, at a client terminal, a request for a PIN associated with an additional desired prepaid service corresponding to one of the plural prepaid services, sending, from the client terminal, another PIN request to the server when less than a predetermined number of PINs associated with the additional desired prepaid service are stored at the client terminal, and receiving, at the client terminal, an additional requested PIN associated with the additional desired prepaid service, receiving and storing, at the client terminal and in response to another PIN request, a set of PINs associated with the additional desired prepaid service, receiving at the client terminal (Fig. 4) a request for a PIN associated with an additional desired service corresponding to one of the plural prepaid services, and dispensing, from the client terminal, at least one PIN associated with the additional desired service which is stored at the client terminal uploading the update record to the server during communication between the client terminal and the server, request for a PIN associated with a third desired prepaid service is received through the first interface, wherein the application program generates, when less than a plural number of PINs associated with the third desired prepaid service are cached within the memory, another PIN request for transmission to the server through the second interface, third requested PIN associated with the third desired service is received through the second interface, a fourth request for a PIN associated with the third desired prepaid service is received through the first interface and wherein at least one PIN associated with the third desired prepaid service is included within the set of PINs and dispensed by the dispensing mechanism under the control of the application program, update record corresponding to dispensing of the first requested PIN is generated by the application program, update record is, under the control of the application program, uploaded to the server during communication session between the client terminal and the server, server is configured to send multiple other PINs associated with the one of the prepaid services to the first of the client terminals in response to the PIN request, record includes an indication of a maximum number of PINs capable of being stored at one of the client terminals with respect to each of the plurality of prepaid service (implied by memory limitations of each client terminal), server receives an update record from the first of the client terminals indicative of the dispensing of the at least one PIN from the first of the client terminals, plurality of prepaid services is defined by a SKU, each of the plural prepaid services is defined by a stock-keeping unit (SKU), receiving and storing, at the client terminal (fig. 4) and in response to the PIN request, a set of PINs associated with the desired prepaid service so as to maintain the predefined number of PINs associated with the desired prepaid service at the client terminal (Paragraphs: 0013-0015; 0021; 0022-0025; 0126-0135; 0143; 0148-0154).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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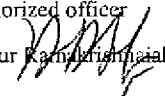
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Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-23</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-23</u>	YES
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